

USDA GRANTS AND LOANS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Agricultural Marketing Service

AMS facilitates the strategic marketing of agricultural products in domestic and international markets while ensuring fair trading practices and promoting a competitive and efficient marketplace. AMS constantly works to develop new marketing services to increase customer satisfaction.

	Program	Website	Contact	Due Date	Amt/Yr	Terms/Conditions
1	Federal State Marketing Improvement Program Provides matching funds to State Departments of Agriculture, State agriculture experiment stations, and other eligible entities to assist in exploring new market opportunities for US food and agricultural products; to encourage research and innovation aimed at improving efficiency and performance of US marketing system (small-mid farms).	www.ams.usda.gov/fsmip	Janise Zygmunt Phone: 202-694-4002 Janise.zygmunt@ams.usda.gov	2/17/11	\$1.3M	
2	Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Provides grants to States to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, US Virgin Islands, and Northern Mariana Islands. Crops are defined as "fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops, including floriculture."	www.ams.usda.gov/scbgp	Trista Etzig Phone: 202- 690-4942 trista.etzig@usda.gov OR John Miklozek Phone: (202) 720-1403 john.miklozek@usda.gov OR Jenny Greer Phone:	Contact state of interest to know more about deadline for submissions	\$55M	

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			(202) 205-3941 jenny.greer@usda.gov			
3	<p>Farmers Market Promotion Program</p> <p>Provides competitive grant funds to a range of eligible entities to assist in establishing, expanding, and promoting domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.</p>	www.ams.usda.gov/fmpp	<p>Carmen Humphrey 202-694-4000 Carmen.Humphrey@usda.gov</p> <p>Ricardo Krajewski 202-694-4003 Ricardo.Krajewski@usda.gov</p> <p>Karl Hacker, 202-694-4005 Karl.Hacker@usda.gov</p> <p>Linda E. Browne, 202-694-4004 Linda.Browne@usda.gov</p> <p>Camia Lane 202-694-4006 Camia.Lane@usda.gov</p> <p>Alicia Bell-Sheetter, 202-694-4009 Alicia.Bell-Sheetter@usda.gov</p>		\$10M	
4	<p>Organic Cost Share Program</p> <p>AMS administers two organic certification cost-share programs. Each program provides cost share</p>	www.ams.usda.gov/nop	<p>Phone: (202) 720-3252 NOP: www.ams.usda.gov/nop</p>	TBD by States	Ranges from \$,000 to \$1.05M per state	

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	assistance, through participating States, to organic producers and/or organic handlers.		NOSB: www.ams.usda.gov/nosb			
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Agricultural Research Service

ARS is USDA's principal in-house research agency. ARS leads America towards a better future through agricultural research and information.

ARS is not a grant or loan making agency. Website: www.ars.usda.gov

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

APHIS provides leadership in ensuring the health and care of animals and plants. The agency improves agricultural productivity and competitiveness and contributes to the national economy and the public health.

APHIS is not a grant or loan making agency. Website: www.aphis.usda.gov

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Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP)

CNPP works to improve the health and well-being of Americans by developing and promoting dietary guidance that links scientific research to the nutrition needs of consumers.

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Economic Research Service

ERS is USDA's principal social science research agency. Each year, ERS communicates research results and socioeconomic indicators via briefings, analyses for policymakers and their staffs, market analysis updates, and major reports.

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Farm Service Agency

The Farm Service Agency implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster and farm marketing programs through a national network of offices.

	Program	Website	Contact	Due Date	Amt/Yr	Terms/Conditions
1	Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Loans	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/beginningloans10.pdf	www.fas.usda.gov			
2	Direct Ownership Loans	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=dfi-dl	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateOffices?area=stoffice&subject=landing&topic=landing		Up to \$300,000	
3	Emergency Farm Loans	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/flp_emergency_farm_loans.pdf	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateOffices?area=stoffice&subject=landing&topic=landing		Up to \$500,000	
4	Guaranteed Farm Loans	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=gfl	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/guaranteed_farm_loans.pdf			
5	Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Loans	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=gfl-sl	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateOffices?area=stoffice&subject=landing&topic=landing			
6	Conservation Reserve Program	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=copr&topic=crp	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateOffices?area=stoffice&subject=landing&topic=landing			

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7	Biomass Crop Assistance Program	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=ener&topic=bcap	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateOffices?area=stoffice&subject=landing&topic=landing				
8	Feedstock Flexibility Program	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=ener&topic=ffpb	http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/stateOffices?area=stoffice&subject=landing&topic=landing				

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Food and Nutrition Service

FNS increases food security and reduces hunger in partnership with cooperating organizations by providing children and low-income people access to food, a healthy diet, and nutrition education in a manner that supports American agriculture and inspires public confidence.

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

FSIS enhances public health and well-being by protecting the public from foodborne illness and ensuring that the nation's meat, poultry and egg products are safe, wholesome, and correctly packaged

FSIS is not a grant or loan making agency Website: www.fsis.usda.gov

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Foreign Agricultural Service

FAS works to improve foreign market access for U.S. products. This USDA agency operates programs designed to build new markets and improve the competitive position of U.S. agriculture in the global marketplace.

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Forest Service

FS sustains the health, diversity and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

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Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

GIPSA facilitates the marketing of livestock, poultry, meat, cereals, oilseeds, and related agricultural products. It also promotes fair and competitive trading practices for the overall benefit of consumers and American agriculture. GIPSA ensures open and competitive markets for livestock, poultry, and meat by investigating and monitoring industry trade practices.

GIPSA is not a grant or loan making agency. Website: www.gipsa.usda.gov

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National Agricultural Library

NAL ensures and enhances access to agricultural information for a better quality of life.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service**

NASS serves the basic agricultural and rural data needs of the country by providing objective, important and accurate statistical information and services to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and public officials. This data is vital to monitoring the ever-changing agricultural sector and carrying out farm policy.

	Program	Website	Contact	Due Date	Amt/Yr	Terms/Conditions
1	NASS does not offer a competitive grant program	www.nass.usda.gov	Agricultural Statistics Hotline 1-800-727-9540			
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National Institute of Food and Agriculture

In partnership with land-grant universities, and other public and private organizations, NIFA provides the focus to advance a global system of extramural research, extension, and higher education in the food and agricultural sciences.

	Program	Website	Contact	Due Date	Amt/Yr	Terms/Conditions
1	SBIR Joint Robotics Technology Development and Deployment	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/sbirjointroboticstechnologydevelopmentanddeployment.cfm	Daniel Schmoldt Phone: 202-720-4807 dschmoldt@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$21.8M	
2	Secondary Education, Two-year Post Secondary Education and Agriculture in the Classroom Challenge Grant Programs	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/educationchallengessecondaryhep.cfm	Gregory Smith Phone: 202-720-2067 gsmith@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$1.0M	
3	International Science and Education Competitive Grants Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/educationinternational3801alscience.cfm	Patricia Fulton Phone: 202-720-3801 pfulton@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$2.9M	
4	Interregional Research Project #4 Minor Crop Pest Management Program IR-4	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/ir4minorcroppestmanagement.cfm	Monte Johnson Phone: 202-401-1108 mpjohnson@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$11.0M	
5	Specialty Crop Research Initiative	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/specialtycropresearchinitiative.cfm	Thomas Bewick Phone: 202-401-3356 tbewick@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$47.3M	
6	Biotechnology Risk Assessment Research Grants Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/biotechnologyriskassessment.cfm	Shing Kwok Phone: 202-401-6060 skwok@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$5.0M	
7	Higher Education Challenge Grants Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/educationchallengehigheredhep.cfm	Gregory Smith Phone: 202-720-2067 gsmith@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$5.2M	

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8	1890 Facilities Grant Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/1890facilities.cfm	P.S. Benepal Phone: 202-720-1254 pbenepal@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$19.7M	
9	Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/organicagricultureresearchandextensioninitiative.cfm	Mary Peet Phone: 202-401-4202 mpeet@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$19M	
10	Plant Feedstock Genomics for Bioenergy	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/plantfeedstockgenomicsforbioenergy.cfm	Ed Kaleikau Phone: 202-401-1931 ekaleikau@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$6M	
11	Disaster Resilience for Rural Communities	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/disasterresilienceforruralcommunities.cfm	Siva Sureshwaran Phone: 202-720-7536 ssureshwaran@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$2.0M	
12	Resident Instruction Grants Program for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/residentinstructionforinsularareas.cfm	Gregory Smith Phone: 202-720-2067 gsmith@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$860,000	
13	New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/neweraruraltechnology.cfm	Gregory Smith Phone: 202-720-2067 gsmith@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$875,000	
14	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/afriagricultureandfoodresearchinitiative.cfm	Mark Poth Phone: 202-401-5244 mpoth@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$262M	
15	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative – Competitive Grants Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/africhildhoodobesityprevention.cfm	Etta Saltos Phone: 202-401-5178 esaltos@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$25M	
16	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative -- - Food Safety	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/africlimatechange.cfm	Michael Bowers Phone: 202-401-4510 mbowers@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$55M	
17	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative -- - Foundational Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/afrifoundationalprogram.cfm	Mark Poth Phone: 202-401-5244 mpoth@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$64M	

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18	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative— Global Food Security	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/a/friglobalfoodsecurity.cfm	Peter Johnson Phone: 202-401-1896 pjohnson@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$19M	
19	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative--- NIFA Fellowships Grant Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/a/frinifafellowshipsgrantprogram.cfm	Margo Holland Phone: 202-401-5044 mholland@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$6M	
20	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative--- Sustainable Bioenergy	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/a/frisustainablebioenergy.cfm	Mary Purcell-Miramontes Phone: 202-401-5168 mpurcell@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$40M	
21	Assistive Technology Program for Farmers with Disabilities— National AgrAbility Projects	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/a/grabilitynationalagrabilityprojects.cfm	Brad Rein Phone: 202-401-0151 brein@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$550,000	
22	Assistive Technology Program for Farmers with Disabilities— State and Regional AgrAbility Projects	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/a/grabilitystateandregionalagrabilityprojects.cfm	Brad Rein Phone: 202-401-0151 brein@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$4.3M	
23	Air, Soil and Water Resources--- Small Business Innovation Research	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/a/irsoilwaterresourcesbir.cfm	Charles Cleland Phone: 202-401-4002 ccleland@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$21.8M	
24	Alaska Native –Serving and Native Hawaian-Serving Institutions Grants Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/a/laskanativenativehawaiianinstitutions.cfm	Saleia Afele-Faamuli Phone: 202-720-0384 sfaamuli@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$3M	
25	Animal Manure Management- Small Business Innovation Research	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/a/nimalmanuremanagementsbir.cfm	Richard Hegg Phone: 202-401-6550 rhegg@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$18.5M	
26	Animal Production and Protection— Small Business Innovation Research	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/a/nimalproductionprotectionsbir.cfm	Adelle Turzillo Phone: 202-401-6158 aturzillo@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$21.8M	
27	Aquaculture---- Small Business Innovation Research	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/a/quaculturesbir.cfm	Charles Cleland Phone: 202-401-4002 ccleland@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$21.8M	
28	Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grant Program.	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/b/eginningfarmerandrancher.cfm	Siva Sureshwaran Phone: 202-720-7536 ssureshwaran@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$19M	
29	Biodiesel Fuel Education Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/b/iodieselfueleducationprogram.cfm	Carmela Bailey Phone: 202-401-6443 cbailey@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website		

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30	Small Business Innovation Research: Biofuels and Biobased Products	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/biofuelsandbiobasedproductsbi r.cfm	William Goldner Phone: 202-401-1719 wgoldner@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$21.8M	
31	Biomass Research and Development Initiative Competitive Grants Program (BRDI)	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/biomassresearchanddevelopme ntinitiative.cfm	Carmela Bailey Phone: 202-401-6443 cbailey@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$32M	
32	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Carbon Cycle Science	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/carboncyclescienceafri.cfm	Nancy Cavallaro Phone: 202-401-5176 ncavallaro@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$26.5M	
33	Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Program: Children, Youth, and Families Education and Research Network (CYFERnet)	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/c hildrenyouthfamiliesedandrese archnetworkcyfernet.cfm	Lisa Lauxman Phone: 202-690-4568 llauxman@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$550,000	
34	Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Sustainable Community Projects	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/c hildrenyouthfamiliesustainabl ecommunityprojects.cfm	Lisa Lauxman Phone: 202-690-4568 llauxman@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$800,000	
35	Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Capacity Building	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/c hildrenyouthandfamiliescapaci tybuilding.cfm	Lisa Lauxman Phone: 202-690-4568 llauxman@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$400,000	
36	Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Liaison	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/c hildrenyouthandfamiliesliaison .cfm	Lisa Lauxman Phone: 202-690-4568 llauxman@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$300,000	
37	Children, Youth, and Families at Risk Research and Evaluation	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/c hildrenyouthandfamiliesresear chandevaluation.cfm	Susan LeMenestrel Phone: 202-720-2297 slemenstrel@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$400,000	
38	Children, Youth, and Families at Risk 4-H Military Partnership	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/c hildrenyouthandfamiliesatrisk4 hmilitarypartnership.cfm	Lisa Lauxman Phone: 202-690-4568 llauxman@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$1.5M	
39	Special Research Grants Program: Citrus tristeza Research (CTV) Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/c itrustristezasrgp.cfm	Kitty Cardwell Phone: 202-401-1790 kcardwell@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$645,000	
40	Climate Change----Decadal and Regional Climate Prediction using EarthSystem Models (EaSM)	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/c limatechange.cfm	Louie Tupas Phone: 202-401-4926 ltupas@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$10M	

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41	Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/communityfoodprojects.cfm	Elizabeth Tuckermanty Phone: 202-205-0241 etuckermanty@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$5M	
42	Critical Issues: Emerging and New Plant and Animal Pests and Diseases Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/criticalissuesplantandanimalpestsanddiseases.cfm	Gary Sherman Phone: 202-401-4952 gsherman@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$318,000	
43	Integrated Pest Management: Crops at Risk Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/cropsatrisk.cfm	H. R. Meyer Phone: 202-401-4891 hmeyer@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$1.3M	
44	DoD-USDA Partnership: Child Care & Youth Program Training and Technical Assistance Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/dodusdapartnershipchildcareyouthprogramtrainingandtechnicalassistanceprogram.cfm	Lisa Lauxman Phone: 202-690-4568 llauxman@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$7.0M	
45	DoD-USDA Partnership: Child Youth Deployment Support Project	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/dodusdapartnershipchildyouthdeploymentssupportproject.cfm	Lisa Lauxman Phone: 202-690-4568 llauxman@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$4.5M	
46	DoD-USDA Partnership: Family Readiness Clearinghouse Project	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/dodusdapartnershipfamilyreadinessclearinghouseproject.cfm	Lisa Lauxman Phone: 202-690-4568 llauxman@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$1.0M	
47	Expert Integrated Pest Management Decision Support System	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/expertipmdecisionsupportsystem.cfm	H. R. Meyer Phone: 202-401-4891 hmeyer@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$145,200	
48	Extension Integrated Pest Management Coordination and Support Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/extensionipmcoordinationandsupportprogram.cfm	Martin Draper Phone: 202-401-1990 mdraper@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$8.5M	
49	Farm Business Management and Benchmarking (FBMB) Competitive Grants Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/farmbusinessmanagementandbenchmarkingprogram.cfm	Patricia Hipple Phone: 202-401-2185 phipple@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$1.5M	
50	Food Aid Nutrition Enhancement Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/foodaidnutritionenhancementprogram.cfm	Edwin Lewis Phone: 202-690-4565 elewis@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$3.7M	
51	Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program: National Integrated Food Safety Initiative	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/foodsafetyicgp.cfm	Jan Singleton Phone: 202-401-1954 jsingleton@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$12.7M	

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52	Small Business Innovation Research: Food Science and Nutrition	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/foodsciencenutritionsbir.cfm	Dionne Toombs Phone: 202-401-2138 dtoombs@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$21.8M	
53	The Food Security Learning Center	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/foodsecuritylearningcenter.cfm	Elizabeth Tuckermanty Phone: 202-205-0241 etuckermanty@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$200,000	
54	Small Business Innovation Research: Forests and Related Resources	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/forestsrelatedresourcebsir.cfm	Charles Cleland Phone: 202-401-4002 ccleland@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$21.8M	
55	Healthy Urban Food Enterprise Development Center Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/healthyurbanfoodenterprisedevelopmentcenter.cfm	Elizabeth Tuckermanty Phone: 202-205-0241 etuckermanty@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$900,000	
56	Increasing Scientific Data on the Fate, Transport and Behavior of Engineered Nanomaterials in Selected Environmental and Biological Matrices	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/increasingscientificdataonthe fate transport and behavior of engineered nanomaterials in selected environmental and biological matrices.cfm	Hogda Chen Phone: 202-401-6497 hchen@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$1.8M	
57	Information System Project - Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/informationssystemprojectexpandedfoodandnutritioneducationprogram.cfm	Helen Chipman Phone: 202-720-8067 hchipman@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$100,000	
58	Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program - Integrated Organic and Water Quality Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/integratedorganicandwaterqualityprogramicgp.cfm	Mike O'Neil Phone: 202-205-5952 moneill@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$2.5M	
59	Integrated Research, Education, And Extension Competitive Grants Program: Regional Integrated Pest Management Centers	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/integratedpestmanagementcenters.cfm	Michael Fitzner Phone: 202-401-4939 mfitzner@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$3.89M	
60	International Cooperative Biodiversity Group, NRI	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/internationalcooperativebiodiversitygroups.cfm	Siva Sureshwaran Phone: 202-720-7536 ssssuuurreshwaran@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$3M	
61	Iraq Agricultural Extension Revitalization Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/iraqagriculturalextensionrevitalizationproject.cfm	Hiram Larew Phone: 202-720-3801 hlarew@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$5.3M	

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62	Small Business Innovation Research: Marketing and Trade	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/marketingtradesbir.cfm	Siva Sureshwaran Phone: 202-720-7536 sssuuurrreshwaran@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$18.5M	
63	Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program: Integrated Pest Management: Methyl Bromide Transitions Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/methylbromidetransitions.cfm	William Hoffman Phone: 202-401-1112 whoffman@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$2.9M	
64	Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/multiculturalscholarshep.cfm	Erin Berg Phone: 202-720-2471 eberg@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$1.1M	
65	National Extension Integrated Pest Management Special Projects Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/nationalextensionipmspecialprojectsprogram.cfm	Martin Draper Phone: 202-401-1990 mdraper@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$490,000	
66	Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Grants Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/nationalneedsgraduatefellowshipssnnf.cfm	Erin Berg Phone: 202-720-2471 eberg@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$3.6M	
67	New Technologies for Ag Extension, Smith-Lever 3B, 3C, and 3D Programs	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/newtechnologiesforagextension.cfm	Greg Crosby Phone: 202-401-6050 gcrosby@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$1.0M	
68	Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program - Organic Transitions (ORG)	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/organictransitionsprogram.cfm	Mary Peet Phone: 202-401-4202 mpeet@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$4.7M	
69	Small Business Innovation Research: Plant Production and Protection - Biology	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/plantproductionprotectionbiologysbir.cfm	William Goldner Phone: 202-401-1719 wgoldner@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$18.5M	
70	Small Business Innovation Research: Plant Production and Protection - Engineering	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/plantproductionprotectionengineeringsbir.cfm	William Goldner Phone: 202-401-1719 wgoldner@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$21.8M	
71	Renewable Resources Extension Act-National Focus Fund Projects	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/reanationalfocusfundprojects.cfm	Eric Norland Phone: 202-401-5971 enorland@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$275,000	
72	Rangeland Research Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/rangelandresearchprogram.cfm	James Dobrowolski Phone: 202-401-5016 jdobrowolski@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program	\$919,000	

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73	Regional Integrated Pest Management Program - North Central Region	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/regionalintegratedpestmgtnorthcentral.cfm	Michael Fitzner Phone: 202-401-4939 mfitzner@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$750,000	
74	Regional Integrated Pest Management Competitive Grants Program - Northeastern Region	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/regionalintegratedpestmgtnortheastern.cfm	Michael Fitzner Phone: 202-401-4939 mfitzner@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$600,000	
75	Regional Integrated Pest Management Competitive Grants Program - Southern Region	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/regionalintegratedpestmgtsouthern.cfm	Michael Fitzner Phone: 202-401-4939 mfitzner@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$800,000	
76	Regional Integrated Pest Management Competitive Grants Program - Western Region	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/regionalintegratedpestmgtwestern.cfm	Michael Fitzner Phone: 202-401-4939 mfitzner@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$650,000	
77	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Dual Purpose with Dual Benefit: Research in Biomedicine and Agriculture Using Agriculturally Important Domestic Species	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/researchinbiomedicineandagricultureafri.cfm	Mark Miranda Phone: 202-401-4336 mmirando@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$5M	
78	Integrated Pest Management: Risk Avoidance and Mitigation Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/riskavoidanceandmitigation.cfm	Robert Nowierski Phone: 202-401-4900 rnowierski@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$4.2M	
79	ARPA: Agriculture Risk Management Education Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/riskmanagementeducationarparme.cfm	Pat Hipple Phone: 202-401-2185 phipple@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$4.8M	
80	Small Business Innovation Research: Rural Development	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/ruraldevelopmentsbir.cfm	Siva Sureshwaran Phone: 202-720-7536 ssssuuurreshwaran@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$21.8M	
81	Rural Health and Safety Education Competitive Grants Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/ruralhealthandsafetyeducation.cfm	Shirley Ann Gerrior 202-720-4124 sgerrior@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$1.5M	
82	Rural Youth Development Grants Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/ruralyouthdevelopment.cfm	Nancy Valentine Phone: 202-720-5347	Check the	\$1.7M	

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83	Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR)	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/sbir.cfm	Charles Cleland Phone: 202-401-4002 ccleland@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$21.8M	
84	Robotics Technology Development and Deployment [RTD2] (R43)	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/sbirjointroboticstechnologydevelopmentanddeployment.cfm	Daniel Schmoldt Phone: 202-72-4807 dschmoldt@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$21.8M	
85	Small Business Innovation Research Phase I Commercialization Assistance Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/sbirphaseicap.cfm	Scott Dockum Phone: 202-401-4995 sdockum@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$100,000	
86	Small Business Innovation Research Program: Phase I	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/smallbusinessinnovationresearchprogramphasei.cfm	Charles Cleland Phone: 202-401-4002 ccleland@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$21.8M	
87	Small Business Innovation Research: Small and Mid Sized Farms	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/smallandmid-sized-farms-sbir.cfm	Charles Cleland Phone: 202-401-4002 ccleland@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$21.8M	
88	Smith-Lever Special Needs Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/smithleverspecialneedsprogram.cfm	Dennis Kopp Phone: 202-690-0745 dkopp@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$460,000	
89	Supplemental and Alternative Crops Competitive Grants Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/supplementalandalternativecrops.cfm	James Parochetti Phone: 202-401-4354 jparochetti@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$780,000	
90	Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers Training Coordination	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/tradeadjustmentassistanceforfarmersstrainingcoordination.cfm	Pat Hipple Phone: 202-401-2185 phipple@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$17M	
91	Tribal Colleges Extension Services Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/tribalcollegesextensionslbcdfm	Tim Grosser Phone: 202-690-0402 tgrosser@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$4.3M	
92	Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program: National Integrated Water Quality Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/waterqualityicgp.cfm	Michael O'Neill Phone: 202-205-5952 jauburn@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$12M	

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93	Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program: Conservation Effects Assessment Project	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/watershedconservationeffectsassessmenticgp.cfm	James Dobrowolski Phone: 202-401-5016 jdobrowolski@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$2.0M	
94	Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Grant Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/womenandminoritiesinsciencetechnologyengineeringandmathematics.cfm	Erin Berg Phone: 202-72-2471 eberg@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$364,000	
95	Youth Farm Safety and Education Certification Program	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/youthfarmsafetyeducationandcertification.cfm	Bradley Rein Phone: 202-401-0151 brein@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$466,650	
96	4-H Military Partnership: 4-H Army Youth Development Proje	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/4hmilitarypartnership4harmyyouthdevelopmentproject.cfm	Lisa Lauxman Phone: 202-690-4568 llauxman@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$2.7M	
97	Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Programs	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/integratedprograms.cfm	Deborah Sheely Phone: 202-401-5024	Check the program website	\$0.0	
98	Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE	http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/sustainableagricultureresearchandeducation.cfm	Rob Hedberg Phone: 202-720-5384 rhedberg@nifa.usda.gov	Check the program website	\$13.4M	

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

NRCS provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain and improve our natural resources and environment.

	Program	Website	Contact	Due Date	Amt/Yr	Terms/Conditions
1	Organic Initiative Funding	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/organic/index.html	http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs	March 4, 2011	\$50M	Financial and Technical Assistance
2	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/index.html	http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs			Financial and Technical Assistance
3	Conservation Innovation Grants	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/cig/pdf_files/CIG_FY_2011_Announcement_for_Program_Funding.pdf	Gregorio Cruz Phone: 202-720-8071 Gregorio.cruz@wdc.usda.gov	Closed	\$30M	Grant
4	Conservation Stewardship Program	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html#apply	Patty Engler Phone: 202-720-3524 http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs			Financial and Technical Assistance
5	Conservation Technical Assistance	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cta	Dan Lawson Phone: 202-720-5322 Dan.lawson@wdc.usda.gov			Technical Assistance
6	Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/glci/	Dennis Thompson Phone: 202-720-5010 Dennis.thompson@wdc.usda.gov			Technical Assistance
7	Wetland Reserve Program	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/WRP	Jessica Groves Phone: 202-720-1067			Financial and Technical Assistance
8	Resource Conservation and Development Program	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/rcd	Terry D'Addio Phone: 202-720-0557 Terry.d'addio@wdc.usda.gov			Financial and Technical Assistance
9	Grassland Reserve Program	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/GRP	NRCS Contact: Elizabeth Crane Phone: 202-720-0242 FSA Contact: Jim Williams 202-720-9562			Financial and Technical Assistance
10	Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/WHIP	Albert Cerna 202-720-9358			Financial and Technical Assistance

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Risk Management Agency**

RMA helps to ensure that farmers have the financial tools necessary to manage their agricultural risks. RMA provides coverage through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, which promotes national welfare by improving the economic stability of agriculture.

	Program	Website	Contact	Due Date	Amt/Yr	Terms/Conditions
1	Education Program	http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/agreements	Lydia Astorga, Sundii Johnson-Phillips, or Leonard Randolph at 202-720-0779	TBD	\$6.1M	
2	Community Outreach and Assistance Program	http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/agreements/	Jay Howard-Brock , 202-690-4789;	TBD	\$2.5M	
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Rural Development helps rural areas to develop and grow by offering Federal assistance that improves quality of life. RD targets communities in need and then empowers them with financial and technical resources.

All Rural Development Contacts and Funding Notices can be found on the website at:

www.rurdev.usda.gov

Select: [Notice of Funds Availability](#) on the right hand side of the screen.

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Rural Development — Housing and Community Facilities Programs

Program	Objective	Applicant	Uses	Population	Loan/Grant	Terms/Conditions
Single Family Home Ownership Direct Loans (Section 502)	Safe, well-built, affordable homes for rural Americans.	Families and individuals. Apply to Rural Development.	Buy, build, improve, repair or rehabilitate rural home as the applicant's permanent residence.	Rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.	Direct loan.	Up to 100 percent of market value or cost, whichever is less. Loan amortized for 33/38 years. Applicant may be eligible for payment assistance (subsidy) on the loan.
Single Family Home Ownership Guaranteed Loans (Section 502)	Assist eligible applicants in buying their homes by guaranteeing loans made by private lenders.	Families and individuals. Apply to lender.	Purchase new or existing home.	Rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.	Loan guarantee.	30 year, fixed rate. Interest rate negotiated between lender and borrower. Loans to 100 percent of market value.
Single Family Home Ownership Direct Repair Loans and Grants (Section 504)	To help very-low-income homeowners remove health and safety hazards or to repair their homes.	Families and individuals who currently own their home. Apply to Rural Development.	Repair or replace roof, winterizing, purchase or repair of heating system, structural repair, and water and sewage connect fees, and similar uses.	Rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.	Direct loan and grant.	Loan terms to 20 years at 1 percent. Assistance to individual may not exceed \$20,000. Grants only available to very-low-income applicants 62 years or older who cannot afford to pay 1 percent loan.
Mutual Self-Help Housing Grants (Section 523)	Assist lower income families in building their own homes.	Non-profits and public bodies.	Technical assistance to qualify and supervise small groups of families to build each other's homes.	Rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.	Grant.	Grant agreement.
Rural Rental Housing Direct Loans (Sections 515)	Safe, well-built, affordable rental housing for very-low, and low income individuals and families.	Individuals, limited profit and non-profit organizations. Apply to Rural Development.	New construction or rehabilitation of rental housing.	Rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.	Direct loan.	Up to 100 percent of total development cost (non-profits); 97 percent (for-profits). 30-year term with up to 50 year amortization. For for-profit organizations with Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, 95 percent of total development costs.
Rural Rental Housing Guaranteed Loans (Section 538)	Safe, well-built, affordable rental housing for low to moderate income individuals and families.	Individuals, partnerships, limited liability companies, trusts, state and local agencies and Indian Tribes. Apply to lender.	New construction or substantial rehabilitation of rural rental housing.	Rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.	Loan guarantee.	Up to 90 percent loan to value for loans made to for-profit entities, and up to 97 percent loan to value for loans made to non-profit entities. Repayment terms are 25 to 40 year amortization.
Housing Preservation Grants (Section 533)	Repair and rehabilitate housing owned or occupied by very-low- and low-income rural families.	Public bodies and non-profit organizations. Apply to Rural Development.	Operation of a program which finances repair and rehabilitation activities for single family and small rental properties.	Rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.	Grant.	Grant agreement.

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Farm Labor Housing (Sections 514 & 516)	Safe, well-built affordable rental housing for farm workers.	Individuals, public and private non-profit organizations. Apply to Rural Development.	New construction or substantial rehabilitation of rental housing.	No population restriction.	Direct loan and grant.	Up to 102 percent of total development cost. Up to 33 years to repay at 1 percent interest.
Community Facilities (Faith-Based and First Responder)	Provide essential community facilities for rural communities.	Public bodies, non-profit organizations, and Indian tribes. Apply to Rural Development.	Build facilities and purchase equipment for fire and rescue, early warning systems, police stations, health clinics, schools, libraries, hospitals, etc.	Rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.	Direct loan or loan guarantee, grant.	Up to 100 percent of market value. Up to 40 years or life of security. Maximum grant 75 percent of project cost.
<i>Direct Loans and Grants - Apply to Rural Development. Loan Guarantees - Apply to intermediary (approved banks, mortgage companies)</i>						<i>Revised Sept. 08, 2006</i>

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Rural Development — Business and Cooperative Programs

Program	Objective	Applicant	Uses	Population	Loan/Grant	Terms/Conditions
Business and Industry Guarantee Loans	Create jobs and stimulate rural economies by providing financial backing for rural businesses.	Businesses. Apply through Federal or State chartered banks, credit unions, or savings & loan associations.	Most legal business purposes except production agriculture. Include acquisition, start-up and expansion of businesses that create rural employment.	Any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such a city or town.	Loan guarantee.	Lender and borrower negotiate terms. Interest rate tied to published rate that may change no more often than quarterly.
Intermediary Relending Program Loans	Finance business facilities and community development projects in rural areas.	Public bodies, non-profit corporations, Native American tribes, and cooperatives. Apply to Rural Development.	Community development projects, establishment or expansion of businesses, creation or saving of rural jobs.	Rural areas and incorporated places with populations of less than 25,000.	Direct loan.	The intermediary makes loans to businesses from its revolving loan fund on terms consistent with security offered. Intermediary pays 1 percent for 30 years.
Rural Business Enterprise Grants	Finance and facilitate the development of small and emerging private business enterprises.	Public bodies, private non-profit corporations, and federally recognized Native American tribal groups. Apply to Rural Development.	Buy and develop land, establish a revolving loan fund, construct buildings, plants, equipment, access streets and roads, parking areas, utility and service extensions, and rural distance learning networks.	Any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such a city or town.	Grant.	When grant funds are used for revolving loan fund (RLF), the intermediary makes loans to businesses from its RLF on terms consistent with security offered.
Rural Business Opportunity Grants	Finance technical assistance for business development and conduct economic development planning in rural areas.	Public bodies, non-profit corporations, Indian tribes on Federal or State reservations, and cooperatives with members that are primarily rural residents.	Technical assistance, leadership training, establishment of business support centers, economic development plans.	Any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such a city or town.	Grant.	Must be completed within 2 years after project has begun.
Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants	Finance economic development and job creation in rural areas.	Electric and telephone utilities eligible for financing from the Rural Utilities Service. Apply to Rural Development.	Promote rural economic development and/or job creation projects including feasibility studies, startup costs, and business incubators.	Rural areas and places with populations of 2,500 or less.	Direct loan and revolving loan fund grant.	The intermediary (electric or telephone utility) makes loans to profit or non-profit business and public bodies for rural economic development and/or job creation projects. Loans are 0 percent for 10 years.
Rural Cooperative Development Grants	Establish and operate centers for cooperative development to improve the economic condition of rural areas through the development of new cooperatives and improving operations of existing cooperatives.	Non-profit corporations and institutions of higher education. Apply directly to Rural Development National Office.	To conduct feasibility studies, business plans, and applied research as well as provide training and other technical assistance to new and existing cooperatives and businesses.	Any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such a city or town.	Grant.	Applicants must meet specific selection criteria including a minimum 25 percent fund match. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.
Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grants	Assist independent agricultural producers to enter into activities that add value to their commodities.	Independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. Apply directly to Rural Development National Office.	Planning purposes such as conducting feasibility studies or business plans; or as working capital to help start the operations of a venture.	No population restriction.	Grant.	Applicants must meet specific selection criteria. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Funds cannot be used to build facilities or purchase equipment. Funds must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis.
Small Minority Producer Grants	Technical Assistance	Cooperatives or associations of cooperative whose primary focus is to provide assistance to small, minority producers and whose governing board and/or membership is comprised of at least 75 percent minority.	To conduct technical assistance such as market research, product and/or service improvement; legal advice and assistance; feasibility study, business plan and marketing plan development; and training.	All areas except cities of more than 50,000 and their contiguous and adjacent urbanized areas.	Grant.	Applicants must meet specific selection criteria and grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Funds are to be use only for Technical Assistance. There are no matching requirements for this program.
Rural Energy For America Program	Promote energy efficiency and renewable energy development.	Agricultural producers and rural small businesses.	Construction or improvements, purchase and installation of equipment, energy audits, permit fees, professional service fees, business plans, feasibility studies.	Any area other than a city or town that has a population of greater than 50,000 inhabitants and the urbanized area contiguous and adjacent to such a city or town.	Loan guarantee and grant.	Applicants must meet specific selection criteria. Loans cannot exceed 75 percent of eligible project costs. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Grant cannot exceed 25 percent of eligible project costs.
Biomass Research and Development Initiative	Finance the research and development of biomass based products, bioenergy, biofuels, and related processes.	Institutions of higher education, National laboratories, Federal or State research agencies, private sector entities, and non-profit organizations.	Research and development of biomass based products, bioenergy, biofuels, and related processes.	No population restriction.	Grant.	Applicants must meet specific selection criteria. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. A minimum of 20 percent cost sharing requirements apply, and may be up to 50 percent depending on nature of project. Cost share must come from non-Federal sources.

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Biodiesel Fuel Education Program	Educate governmental and private entities that operate vehicle fleets, other interested entities and the public about the benefits of biodiesel fuel use.	Non-profit organization or institution of higher learning.	Education and technical support programs.	No population restriction.	Grant.	Applicants must meet specific selection criteria. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis.
<p><i>Direct Loans and Grants - Apply to Rural Development. Loan Guarantees - Apply to intermediary (eligible banks, etc).</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Revised Sept. 8, 2008</i></p>						

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Rural Development – Energy Programs (Under Business Programs)

Program	Objective	Applicant	Uses	Population	Loan/Grant	Terms/Conditions
REAP 9007 Grant	Provide assistance for energy efficient improvements or purchase of a renewable energy system for operations	Small Businesses and Agricultural Producers	Energy Efficient Improvements defined by Energy Audit/Assessment and/or purchase of a renewable energy system.	Cities, towns, unincorporated areas with population less than 50,000.	Grant	Simplified apps under \$200,000. EEI projects over \$50,000 require Energy Audits. RES Feasibility study required if over \$200,000. Complete applications processed by State and Area Offices. Applications can be submitted at anytime, NOFA determines a deadline for applications to be submitted for Fiscal Year funding. Grants awarded at State and National Offices. Each State receives an allocation.
REAP 9007 Loan Guarantee	Provide assistance for energy efficient improvements or purchase of a renewable energy system for operations	Small Businesses and Agricultural Producers	In addition to authorized purposes under grant can also cover land acquisition and working capital.	Cities, towns, unincorporated areas with population less than 50,000.	Loan	Simplified apps under \$600,000. Complete applications processed by State and Area Offices. Applications can be submitted at anytime, NOFA determines a deadline for applications to be submitted for Fiscal Year funding. Grants awarded at State and National Offices. Each State receives and allocation.
REAP Feasibility Study Grant	Provide assistance for 25% of the cost of a feasibility study.	Small Businesses and Agricultural Producers	Feasibility Studies for Implementation of a Renewable Energy System from Wind, Solar, Biomass, Geothermal, Hydro Power, Hydrogen producing electricity, heat or fuel.	Cities, towns, unincorporated areas with population less than 50,000.	Grant	25% of cost, \$50,000 max. Complete applications processed by State and Area Offices. NOFA determines a deadline for applications to be submitted. Grant awards determined by National Office..
REAP/EA/REDA Grant	Provide grant to entity to pass through to a small business or agricultural producer for 75% of the cost of an energy audit or renewable energy development assistance.	State, tribal, or local government; and their instrumentalities institutions of higher education; rural electric cooperatives; or a public power entity.	\$100,000 Grant to Entity, make smaller grants to small business and ag. producers for 75% of energy audit or renewable energy development assistance.	Cities, towns, unincorporated areas with population less than 50,000.	Grant.	\$100,000 to an entity. Twenty-five percent of the cost of an Energy Audit must be provided by recipient of the audit. Renewable energy development assistance can consist of Site assessments and technical assistance on installing and using renewable energy for a rural small business or agricultural producer.
9003 Biorefinery Assistance Program Guaranteed Loan	The purpose of this program is to provide guaranteed loans for the development and construction of first of a kind commercial-scale biorefineries or for the retrofitting of existing facilities using eligible technology for the development of advanced biofuels.	Individual, Indian Tribe, State or Local Government, Corporation, Farm Cooperative, Association of Agricultural Producers, National Laboratory, Institution of Higher Learning, Rural Electric Cooperative, Public Power Entity, Consortium of any of the entities.	Guaranteed Loan for the purpose of development and construction of first of a kind commercial scale biorefinery or retrofitting an existing facility to use eligible technology for the development of advanced biofuels.	No limit	Loan Guarantee	\$250 Million Guaranteed Loan (=> \$200 million 60% guarantee; \$150 million to \$200 million 70% guarantee; or <\$150 million 80% guarantee). 90% guarantee available if less than \$125 million and other conditions are met. Complete applications submitted to National Office. Applications can be submitted at anytime, but will compete for funding after November 1 and May 1, unless changed in the Notice. Guarantees processed and awarded by National Office.
9004 Repowering Assistance	Provide payments to existing biorefineries in replacing fossil fuels with biomass.	Existing Biorefineries	Grant to existing biorefineries including ethanol and biodiesel that use electricity generated from natural gas and coal and require this for fermentation process.	No limit	Payment	50% of total project cost or the maximum award which is determined annually. Biorefinery must have been in existence before June 18, 2008. Funding cycles announced in NOFA. Complete applications submitted to National Office. Applications processed and awarded by National Office.
9005 Bioenergy for Advanced Biofuels	Provide payments to producers of advanced biofuels.	Eligible Producers of advanced biofuels.	Grant to producers of advanced biofuels (non-corn based.)	No limit	Payment.	The Agency will enter into contracts with advanced biofuel producers to pay producers for the production of eligible advanced biofuels. To be eligible for payments, advanced biofuels must be produced from renewable biomass, excluding corn kernel starch, in a biofuel facility located in a State. Amount of award depends on the number of applications received and the amount of advanced biofuel produced. Payments will be made quarterly, with incremental payments being made at the end of the fiscal year.
9008 Renewable Energy Biomass Research and Development Program	Grant must be matched with at least 20% of Nonfederal funds for R&D and at least 50% of Nonfederal funds for Demonstration Projects.	Institutions of Higher Learning, National Laboratory, Federal Research Agency, State Research Agency, Private Sector Entity, Nonprofit R&D Organization, Consortium of two of the above type entities.	Promote Research and Development and demonstration regard the production of biofuels and bioproducts.	Cities, towns, unincorporated areas with population less than 50,000.	Grant.	As funds are available. Complete applications are submitted to National Office for review. NOFA determines deadlines for this program. Grant awards are determined by National Office and Department of Energy.
9009 Renewable Energy Self Sufficiency		Eligible Rural Communities.	Promote Community Self Sufficiency.	Cities, towns, unincorporated areas with population less than 50,000.	Grant	As funds are available. The 2008 Farm Bill authorized the program but no money has been appropriated for the program. Program not implemented.

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Rural Development — Utilities Programs

Program	Objective	Applicant	Uses	Population	Loan/Grant	Terms/Conditions
Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Provide water and waste financing in rural areas to the most financially needy applicants resulting in reasonable user fees.	Public entities, Indian tribes, and non-profit corporations. Apply to Rural Development.	Build, repair, and improve public water systems, and waste collection and treatment systems. Also other related costs.	Rural areas, cities, and towns with up to 10,000 population.	Direct loan and grant.	Interest rates are set quarterly based on an index of current market yields for municipal obligations. Repayment period is a maximum of 40 years. Grant funds may be available.
Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees	Provide loan guarantees to lenders serving financially needy applicants.	Public entities, Indian tribes, and non-profit corporations. Apply to Rural Development.	Construct, repair, modify, expand, improve water supply and distribution systems, and waste collection and treatment systems. Also other related costs.	Rural areas, cities, and towns with up to 10,000 population.	Loan guarantee.	Eligible lenders obtain up to a 90 percent guarantee on loans they make and service. Lenders should contact Rural Development Area or State Office.
Solid Waste Management Grants	Provide technical assistance and/or training to help communities reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources and improve planning and management of solid waste sites.	Non-profit organizations and public bodies. Apply to Rural Development.	Provide technical assistance and training to reduce pollution of water resources and improve management of solid waste facilities.	Rural areas, cities and towns with up to 10,000 population.	Grant.	Projects are funded based on selection at the National level. Applications are accepted from October 1 to December 31 of each year.
Rural Broadband Loans and Loan Guarantees	The deployment of broadband service to eligible rural communities.	Legally organized entities providing or proposing to provide broadband service in eligible rural communities. Cannot serve more than 2 percent of the telephone subscriber lines installed in the U.S.	The construction, acquisition, and improvement of broadband transmission facilities and equipment; land and buildings used in providing broadband service; and the refinancing of Telecommunications Program debt.	Eligible rural communities with a population of 20,000 inhabitants or less.	Direct loan and loan guarantee.	Loans are made at the Treasury rate of interest at the time of the advance for a period equal to expected composite economic life of the assets financed. Loans are guaranteed at the interest rate set by the private lender for no more than 80 percent of the principal amount.
Electric and Telecommunications Loans and Guarantees	Provide financial aid through direct and guaranteed loans for electric and telecommunications services.	For profit entities, non-profit and cooperative associations, public bodies, and other utilities. Apply directly to Rural Development National Office.	Generation, bulk transmission facilities, and distribution of electric power. Enhance 911 emergency service, digital switching equipment, fiber optic cable, along with traditional main system telecommunications service and broadband services.	Electric: Rural areas as defined by the U.S. Census. Telecommunication: Rural areas with populations of 5,000 or less.	Direct loan and loan guarantee.	Interest rates are established in accordance with 7 CFR 1745.
Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans and Grants	Development and deployment of advanced telecommunication services throughout rural America to improve education and health care.	Incorporated entities, including municipal corporations, on a for profit or not-for-profit basis, that operate rural schools, libraries, health care clinics and other organizations that operate educational or health care facilities.	Equipment for classrooms: cameras, video monitors, computers, and LAN. Also for physician consultation, radiology, ex-ray scanners, and digital microscopes.	Rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.	Direct loan and/or grant.	Matching funds are required.
<i>Direct Loans and Grants - Apply to Rural Development. Loan Guarantees - Apply to intermediary (eligible banks, etc).</i> Sept. 08, 2006						<i>Revised</i>

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Departmental Management—Office of Advocacy and Outreach

DM provides central administrative management support to Department officials and coordinates administrative programs and services.

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1	Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Program	http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=62153	Henry Searcy Phone: 202-205-4130 Henry.searcy@osec.usda.gov	2/15/11	\$19M	

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.National Appeals Division

NAD conducts impartial administrative appeal hearings of adverse program decisions made by USDA and reviews of determinations issued by NAD hearing officers when requested by a party to the appeal.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (OASSCR)

OASCR's mission is to facilitate the fair and equitable treatment of USDA customers and employees, while ensuring the delivery and enforcement of civil rights programs and activities. ASCR ensures compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies for USDA customers and employees regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital or familial status, political beliefs, parental status, protected genetic information, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all bases apply to all programs.)

Website: www.ascr.usda.gov

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1	ASCR is not a grant or loan making office.					
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

.Office Budget and Program Analysis

OBPA provides centralized coordination and direction for the Department's budget, legislative and regulatory functions. It also provides analysis and evaluation to support the implementation of critical policies. OBPA administers the Department's budgetary functions and develops and presents budget-related matters to Congress, the news media, and the public.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Chief Economist (OCE)

OCE advises the Secretary on the economic situation in agricultural markets and the economic implications of policies and programs affecting American agriculture and rural communities. OCE serves as the focal point for economic intelligence and analysis related to agricultural markets and for risk assessment and cost-benefit analysis related to Departmental regulations affecting food and agriculture.

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Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO)

OCFO shapes an environment for USDA officials eliciting the high-quality financial performance needed to make and implement effective policy, management, stewardship, and program decisions.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)**

OCIO has the primary responsibility for the supervision and coordination of the design, acquisition, maintenance, use, and disposal of information technology by USDA agencies. OCIO's strategically acquires and uses information technology resources to improve the quality, timeliness and cost-effectiveness of USDA services.

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Office of Communications (OC)

OC is USDA's central source of public information. The office provides centralized information services using the latest, most effective and efficient technology and standards for communication. It also provides the leadership, coordination, expertise, and counsel needed to develop the strategies, products, and services that are used to describe USDA initiatives, programs, and functions to the public.

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Office of Congressional Relations (OCR)**

OCR serves as the USDA's liaison with Congress. OCR works closely with members and staffs of various House and Senate Committees to communicate the USDA's legislative agenda and budget proposals.

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Office of Environmental Markets (OEM)

OEM supports the development of emerging markets for carbon, water quality, wetlands, and biodiversity.

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Office of the Executive Secretariat (OES)

OES ensures that all Department officials are included in the correspondence drafting and policy-making process through a managed clearance and control system. Keeping policy officials informed of executive documents enhances the Secretary's ability to review sound and thought out policy recommendations before making final decisions.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Inspector General

OIG investigates allegations of crime against the Department's program, and promotes the economy and efficiency of its operations.

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Office of the General Counsel (OGC)

The Office of the General Counsel (OGC) is an independent legal agency that provides legal advice and services to the Secretary of Agriculture and to all other officials and agencies of the Department with respect to all USDA programs and activities.

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The Office of Tribal Relations (OTR)

The Office of Tribal Relations is located in the Office of the Secretary, and is responsible for government-to-government relations between USDA and tribal governments.

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